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SUBJECT: ELECTRIC-POWER MASTER PLAN SUBMITTED

1. JUNE 25 GERMAN AMBASSADOR SUBMITTED TO MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC WORKS, 45- VOLUME MASTER PLAN FOR LARGELY HYDRO-ELECTRIC POWER DEVELOPMENT IN GUATEMALA, PREPARED OVER PAST SEVERAL YEARS BY GERMAN GOVERNMENT TECHNICIANS. MASTER PLAN LAYS OUT POWER-DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS TO MEET ENERGY REQUIREMENTS THROUGH YEAR 2000. CATALOGUES 240 POSSIBLE PROJECTS AND 431 ALTERNATIVE ONES, WITH AGGREGATE POTENTIAL TO GENERATE POWER UP TO 4,951 MW.

2. PLAN IDENTIFIES FROM THIS GROUP 56 MOST ATTRACTIVE PROJECTS, WITH GENERATION POTENTIAL OF UP TO 3,900MW. PLAN IS BROKEN DOWN INTO THREE PHASES:

A. 1977-1982 -FOR COMPLETION OF MARIA LINDA ELEMENT OF AGUACAPA HYDRO-ELECTRIC PROJECT, TO GENERATE 90 MW; MOYUTA I GEO-THERMAL SCHEME, TO GENERATE 39 MW; AND PUEBLO VIEJO-QUIZAL ELEMENT, CHIXOY RIVER HYDRO-ELECTRIC PROJECT, TO GENERATE 300 MW. (ALL THESE PROJECTS HAVE BEEN VARIOUSLY REPORTED TO UNCLASSIFIED

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B. 1982-1990 - PROJECTS TO ACCOMMODATE DEMAND UP TO 1,100 MW.

C. 1990-2000 - 24 PROJECTS TO ACCOMMODATE DEMAND UP TO 3,000 MW.

3. SUBMISSION OF GERMAN MASTER PLAN WAS DELAYED EIGHT MONTHS IN ORDER TO STUDY FEASIBILITY OF FOUR PARTICULARLY INTERESTING PROJECTS:

A. XALALA, ON LOWER CHIXOY - 276 MW.

B. EL CARMEN ON LOS ESCLAVOS RIVER - 113 MW PLUS IRRIGATION FOR 5,500 HECTARES.

C. SERCHIL ON CAHABON RIVER - 426 MW.

D. CHULAC ON UPPER CHIXOY - 150 MW.

ALL ABOVE PROJECTS WOULD BE SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION BY LATE 1980'S

4. FURTHER DETAILS ON FOREGOING WILL BE REPORTED AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE.

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